

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION NO. : 10/026,301 CONFIRMATION NO. 8087  
APPLICANT : De Billot *et al.*  
FILED: : December 19, 2001  
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EXAMINER : Alton Nathaniel Pryor  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009, and is being filed electronically. The response is intended to be fully responsive to each and every issue that was raised in the most recent Action. It is believed to be timely in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on July 30, 2009. This response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.